

## NOTHING STOPS M. U.'S PROGRESS

Rigid Economy Necessary,  
But the School Pushes  
Ahead.

### DOCTOR HILL EXPLAINS

In His First Address Students  
Are Made Acquainted  
With Conditions.

That the University of Missouri, so far from being "wrecked" by the recent attacks made upon it, is in a position this year to offer as high a standard of instruction as ever, was the keynote of the address by Dr. A. Ross Hill, the president, in opening the fall term, at the assembly in the University auditorium this morning. Dr. Hill was heard by an audience that packed the hall and overflowed into the corridors. He was liberally applauded.

In opening his address, Dr. Hill declared that the increased enrollment of students and the fine spirit of loyalty shown at the opening of school were sufficient indication that the state had not lost faith in its chief school.

"In the course of my travels from Boston to Seattle this summer," he said, "I heard many rumors that the University of Missouri had been 'wrecked.' These rumors are disproved by this audience. It is true that the University has been subjected to criticism based on the most absurd stories ever circulated about any educational institution.

#### Economy Here This Year.

"We have been compelled to meet a condition that leaves us with \$65,000 less than is needed for the present biennial period. It seemed at one time that the University indeed faced a crisis. Our faculties had been engaged until September 1 of this year. There was no chance then to begin a policy of economy until the first of the present month. That left us with only sixteen months in which to meet the deficit in our revenues.

"There is every indication that next year, with a still greater enrollment, will make an even greater demand on our funds than this year. Therefore, it seemed advisable to the Board of Curators to make the saving this year. Several ways of making ends meet presented themselves for consideration.

"First, the board might have cut down salaries of the faculty. I am glad to say that this step was never contemplated. Such action not only would have lost us some of our best men, but it would have diminished the reputation of the University for high scholarship. Another way—a more practical way—appeared to be to eliminate all expenses that were not absolutely necessary. This method has been adopted. Today the University is spending no money that it can avoid spending. This cutting down is not as vital a matter as cutting salaries would have been.

#### Reason for Increased Fees.

"Again, we might have reduced the teaching staff. This was impractical in the professional school, where only required courses are given. It did seem possible in the College of Arts and Science, where much of the work is elective. This method of saving has been followed in this one college. Some elective courses have been eliminated, small classes have been made larger and classes have been alternated.

"Still another step was taken to meet the deficit. This was the imposing of a tuition fee in some departments. The incidental fee was raised. It is still a reasonably small fee—the lowest, I may say, in the professional schools of this country. This step was necessary. It meant the saving to the University of some of the best faculty men.

"We have followed two chief methods, then, of meeting the deficit: We have reduced the teaching force where it was practicable, and we have imposed small fees in some schools. The adoption of this policy by the University has retained in the teaching force our strongest professors. Except last year, there has not been a year in which the University has lost so few able men. Only two professors left this year. One was Prof. F. H. Seares, who left the University to engage in research work. His resignation was due in no way to the decrease in our revenues. The other was Dean H. J. Waters, who left the College of Agriculture to accept the presidency of another school.

#### His Praise of Mumford.

"This, too, was beyond the control of the Board of Curators. It is the function of the strong schools to con-

tribute from their faculties, leaders for the weaker institutions."

Dr. Hill's indirect allusion to Kansas caused a storm of applause.

"Prof. Mumford, eminently well equipped, was marked at once as Dean Waters' successor," continued Dr. Hill. The speaker paid a tribute to the ability of Prof. Mumford, the agricultural students especially applauding his remarks.

"I do not believe that the reduction of the elective courses will work a disadvantage on the students," said Dr. Hill. "I am confident that a program adequate to meet the tastes and requirements of all classes of students has been provided.

"The teachers who left us were mainly young instructors who had been here only a year. I regret to say that I do not regard their loss as such a serious matter as they themselves seem to regard it. These men, it should be said, were not asked to resign. They left voluntarily to go to other schools. In their places, instead of immature instructors, we have chosen some of our own alumni who have proved their ability as teachers in secondary schools.

#### Some Good Men Have Gone.

"Some of the men we regretted to lose. These are the young men who had shown much promise, some of them already having been raised to assistant professorships, and who left here to accept full professorships in other schools. Such losses are to be regretted, but they can not be avoided.

"A few changes have been made in the inner organization of the University. The elementary courses in the College of Arts and Science—the 'drill' courses, as it were—can now be taken five hours a week. This, I think, will make the work more effective and it will result in economy of teachers. It is just as hard for a teacher to scatter his energies over five subjects a week as it is for a student. Under the present arrangement, the energies of students and teachers will be concentrated on three subjects. In some of the advanced courses, the credit hours may be greater than the number of hours spent in the class room. I believe the senior student should be thrown as far as possible on his own responsibility. In the advanced classes, there will be honor courses to stimulate brilliant students to their best endeavors.

"The change in the entrance requirements will be effective for all departments in 1911, when two years of training in the College of Arts will be required for entrance to all of the professional schools. Our raising of entrance standards has already added materially to the reputation of the University, and I am gratified to know, through many letters I have received, that it meets the approval of the alumni.

#### M. U. First to Raise Standards.

"This is the first State University to accept in all its departments the standards of the Association of American Universities."

Dr. Hill next took up the new grading system, explaining that it might now be called the old system since it had been in effect a year. He said the system had been misunderstood not only by the students but also by some faculty members. He explained that its purpose was to bring about a uniform standard of grading among the various teachers. This purpose, he said, had already been realized to a large extent, since the records showed a decrease in the lack of uniformity to one-third what it had been.

Since the last two years of the medical course had been abolished, the speaker said, it was no longer possible for students to be received in the Parker Memorial hospital as clinical patients. However, he announced that the University had appointed Dr. Woodson Moss as medical adviser to the student body. Dr. Moss will have an office hour daily in the alumni room of Academic hall and will give free advice concerning questions of health to any student, man or woman, who applies to him.

In conclusion Dr. Hill discussed the student activities. He declared that no sane-minded persons would expect a student to confine himself wholly to the curriculum, with no other interests. He warned, however, against student activities that might become purely commercial or social enterprises. He commended the work of the student senate.

Taking up the question of fraternities Dr. Hill expressed the hope that they would work together to abolish the objectionable features of the so-called "rushing" system. He urged that a one-year rule forbidding the initiation of a man until he has been in school a year, be adopted.

The assembly opened with an invocation by the Rev. M. A. Hart, pastor of the Christian church. Miss Madge Munday sang and responded to an encore. After Dr. Hill's speech the audience rose and sang "Old Missouri."

## PRESIDENT OF UNIVERSITY, WHO DELIVERED OPENING ADDRESS



DR. A. ROSS HILL.

## CLASS RUSH FRIDAY NEE HAD TO FIGHT

Date of the Annual Clash is  
Changed by the Upper-  
Class Men.

The annual class rush between the sophomores and the freshmen at the University of Missouri will take place tomorrow night, instead of Saturday as first arranged. The date was changed today by the upper-class men in charge because of the Y. M. C. A. reception to be given Saturday night.

#### HE'S FOR A SUNDAY MISSOURIAN.

Such an Issue Would Fill a Great Need in Columbia, "C. E." Says.

To the Editor of the University Missourian:

I certainly am glad to hear that the University Missourian is to issue a Sunday morning paper. This will fill a great need in Columbia. Columbia has never had a Sunday paper. A Sunday morning Missourian which would contain football scores, a summary of general world news, a section for the society news of the week, and a regular section for intercollegiate news would be the most popular publication in Columbia, especially this fall. I can imagine nothing more welcome than a newsboy shouting: "Kansas has been defeated again" at my front door about 6 o'clock Sunday morning.

Let's have the Sunday Missourian as soon as possible. The Missourian is now publishing its own paper. It is publishing six pages a day. Now it will publish a Sunday morning paper. Surely we are getting metropolitan. What may we expect next?

C. E.

#### JOURNALISTS FROM 13 STATES.

One Foreign Country Also Represented in the Department.

Thirteen states and one foreign country are already represented in the enrollment of students in the School of Journalism for the present year: California, New York, New Jersey, Ohio, Oklahoma, Kansas, North Dakota, Illinois, Nebraska, Iowa, Missouri, Tennessee and China. The non-resident tuition fee has apparently not thus far reduced the enrollment from other states than Missouri.

#### "LONG LIVE THE MISSOURIAN."

A Letter Praising the Paper From John R. Kirk, of Kirksville, Mo.

In a letter accompanying a large display advertisement of his school to be published in the University Missourian, John R. Kirk, president of the State Normal School at Kirksville, Mo., says:

"Long live the Missourian. Nothing more potent for good was ever set on foot by the University of Missouri."

Sophomores "Rapped" the  
Football Star on the  
Head.

While defending a freshman from his home town whom he had promised to protect from the paddles of the sophomores, Daniel Nee, end on last year's football team, was worsted in a fight with the second year men in front of Academic hall yesterday afternoon.

Nee had told J. B. Fenton, his friend, that he would help him enter up at the University. They were passing the shoe shining parlors erected in front of Academic hall when the sophomores spied the two and seized Fenton. Nee refused to turn the boy over to the sophomores when they asked him to.

"No, I promised to protect him and I'm going to do it," the Varsity man replied stoutly. The sophomores pleaded but Nee remained obdurate. A crowd gathered about the defiant Nee and his companion who was six feet tall. Fenton replied that he was willing to be hazed but still Nee said he would not allow it. Then the sophomores attempted to take him by force and Nee used his fists. The sophomores retaliated and inflicted a scalp wound and other bruises on the football man.

"I don't see where I did any good," said Nee ruefully this morning. "I got hurt, and they got my freshman anyway. I'm going to swear off protecting freshmen hereafter."

Fenton and Nee are living at the Sigma Chi house.

#### IN A WINDMILL OF PADDLES.

A Show on the Campus Amusing to Everybody Except Freshmen.

Ever run the gauntlet?

If you ever got in the way of a windmill, and stayed there while the mill made several revolutions, you may have a faint idea of what running the gauntlet, as practiced by freshmen at the University, means. The sophomores gave a gauntlet party to the freshmen and a crowd of 300 onlookers on the quadrangle last night. The "soph" played the part of the windmill, and the freshmen got in the way. It was very amusing to everybody except the freshmen.

The chief actors assembled on the porch of the west wing of Academic hall. One at a time the freshmen who had been corralled in the nightly round-up by the sophomores were brought to the center of the stage. First an impromptu vaudeville entertainment was given. One freshman danced, keeping time to the tattoo of the sophomores' paddles on his person. As

## GIRLS' "RUSHING" DONE BY RULE NOW

Nothing Haphazard in the  
Campaign for Members  
This Year.

### PLEDGE DAY IS SATURDAY

Formal Invitations Must Be  
Sent in Writing—Other  
Regulations.

Sorority girls at the University of Missouri have reduced the art of "rushing" freshmen almost to an exact science. There is nothing haphazard this year about the manner of inviting a girl to join one of the Greek letter societies; it must all be done according to rule. In this respect the girls have taken a more advanced stand than the men, who still "rush" in the old, catch-as-catch-can manner.

The rules to regulate sorority rushing were adopted by the Pan-Hellenic Council, comprising delegates from the four national sororities represented here—the Kappa Kappa Gamma, Pi Beta Phi, Kappa Alpha Theta and Delta Gamma. Here are the rules:

"I. Pledge day shall be Saturday, September 25, 1909.

"II. There shall be only four evening parties given by sororities during the week before pledge day, beginning Monday, September 20, 1909.

"a. Kappa Kappa Gamma may entertain Tuesday evening, September 21, 1909.

"b. Pi Beta Phi may entertain Wednesday evening, September 22, 1909.

"c. Kappa Alpha Theta may entertain Thursday evening, September 23, 1909.

"d. Delta Gamma may entertain Friday evening, September 24, 1909.

"III. An evening engagement shall be considered to begin at 6:00 p. m. and it shall be dishonorable for a sorority girl to be with, make dates for, or in any way influence any rushee of any sorority during the evening or night of any party except her own.

"IV. No rushee shall stay at a sorority house at night except on the night the sorority in question is entertaining. A girl shall be considered 'staying at a house' if her trunk is there.

"V. Formal, uniform invitations shall be sent to girls invited to sororities, not earlier than 8 a. m. of pledge day.

"a. Invitations shall not be carried by a sorority girl.

"b. Answers to invitations must be given before 5 p. m. of pledge day, or the invitation shall be withdrawn.

"c. Invitations not accepted must be returned.

"d. Sororities refused must be notified of refusal before sorority accepted is notified of acceptance.

"e. Between the time of the receipt of an invitation and its acceptance, a rushee shall have no communication with a sorority girl.

"VI. Sisters of girls who are assisting in rushing shall be exceptions to these rules, except in that they can not be pledged until pledge day."

## FIRST FROST TONIGHT

The Weather Bureau Predicts  
Cooler Temperature for  
Columbia.

The first frost of the fall is expected in Columbia and vicinity tonight. The forecast is: "Fair tonight and tomorrow. Slightly cooler tonight with frost in exposed places." The temperatures:

7 a. m. ....	44	11 a. m. ....	64
8 a. m. ....	48	12 (noon) ....	66
9 a. m. ....	55	1 p. m. ....	68
10 a. m. ....	60	2 p. m. ....	70

#### TOTAL ENROLLMENT IS 1,598.

An Increase of 180 Over That of Last Year.

The total enrollment since the opening of school last Monday, at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon was 1,598. This is an increase of 188 over the enrollment at the close of the fourth day last year, when the total was 1,410.

#### Freshmen to Practice Monday.

All freshmen candidates for the football team will be equipped with suits and lockers at Rothwell gymnasium today, tomorrow and Saturday. The first practice of the freshmen team will be held Monday afternoon.

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## THREE DRILLS DAILY FOR FOOTBALL MEN

New Coach Hopes to Make a  
Team of Light, Fast  
Players.

### HE INSPIRES CONFIDENCE

Nor Reason for an Athlete to  
Fail in His Classes,  
Says Roper.

Coach W. W. Roper is putting candidates for the football team at the University of Missouri through three drills daily. Thirty-five men were out in suits yesterday afternoon when Roper took charge. The work was light but it was done with so much vim that the men were tired when they finished practice.

Coach Roper inspires his men to work hard and quickly. What he hopes to develop is a team of light fast men.

"It appears like a green bunch of material to me," said the coach today. "There will have to be lots of work right away if we hope to get results this year. I never saw a more willing bunch of fellows in my life. They are willing to try anything and work hard at it. This to me is very encouraging. Since Missouri partakes something of a southern state, I feared that the men would be a little lazy as they are in all most southern schools but that isn't at all the case here."

#### Back Field Men Drilled.

The back field men were out this morning. They practice short kicking. Some time was spent in throwing the ball and in quarterback work. The coach was patient with the men this morning.

Dressed for football practice, he takes a hand wherever he sees an opening to make his instructions plain. He does not hope to produce a team at the expense of other school work.

"If any man here has 11 o'clock class he must tell me fifteen minutes ahead of time so I can excuse him from practice," said he to his men on Rollins field this morning. "I shall not keep a man away from his classes. You must not 'cut,' you must study to keep up your standing and you must not contrary your professors. Often you may want to ask a favor of them.

#### Must Not Cut Classes.

"Cap, here's a man who has four laboratory periods a week. What can be done for him?" he asked of Captain Ristine. "You know he must be out to practice. See if you can get him excused a part of the time for football practice."

Athletics and scholarship are closely allied in the mind of Mr. Roper. When discussing a man's eligibility he said: "A man can play football and do better work in his classes if he manages it right. It is good for a man to take two hours exercise each day. In most cases where a football man fails in his studies he does so more from loafing than from football. If he is determined to loaf a certain part of each day he had better not try the gridiron for he will be a failure all round."

The Roper smile plays over his face during practice and only when something goes wrong does he draw down his face to a frown. Then there may be trouble for him who persists in going wrong.

#### Crain is Out Again.

"Tarkio" Crain was out last night for the first time. He is one of last year's "M" men.

Special practice comes before noon. The entire squad is out after noon for general work. The practice will get heavier as the season progresses. A quiz on football rules was held last night and it was said to be satisfactory to the coach.

The men were instructed to abstain from tobacco and liquor and be in bed by 10 o'clock at night. A training table for the "M" men will be started sometime this week, perhaps. Others will be added to the training table list as they show themselves worthy of being on the Varsity squad. A man will be dropped from the table when he gets behind on the football field.

#### ON THE OTHER GRIDIRONS.

Gossip From Western Football Training Camps.

URBANA, Ill., Sept. 23.—Capt. Hanley of the conference championship track team has ambitions of football glory and has joined the Illini squad. Hanley has designs on a back field job and his speed should entitle him to consideration. Seiler, Watson, Gumm and Ritchie, all veterans, except the first named, look the best for the back field, but Ritchie has been ill and may

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